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NEW CLAIMS

43. The method of claim 1, further comprising providing a protective layer on the substrate.

the protective layer is a protective thermal barrier for preventing damage to the substrate during sintering and for enhancing adhesion of the material to the substrate.

45. The method of claim 44, wherein the thermal barrier is an aerogel.

46. The method of claim 44, wherein the substrate, the material, and the protective thermal barrier form an electronic component.